DANGEROUS DOGS NOW A BIG NOVEMBER-GOLF IN 100TH AREA SUPPORT GROUP

Grafenwoehr Law Center—On 16 March 2004, Colonel Richard Jung, the Commander of the 100th Area Support Group, signed a policy letter entitled "Dangerous Dogs Possessed by Department of Defense Personnel in Bavaria." All soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and their family members must comply with this policy.

Class 1 Dogs

Certain breeds of dog—pit bulls, bandogs, American Staffordshire terriers, tosa inus, and dogs that have any admixture of the blood of these four breeds—may not be owned, possessed, or brought into Bavaria. Anyone who has such a dog must remove it from Bavaria straightaway at his own expense. No exceptions to this policy will be granted.

Class 2 Dogs

A more extensive list of dogs—alanos, American bulldogs, argentinos, bull mastiffs, bull terriers, cane corsos, dogo canarios, dogues de Bordeaux, fila brasilieros, mastiffs, mastino napoletanos, perro de presas, rottweilers, and dogs that have any admixture of the blood of any of these breeds—may be owned and brought into Bavaria. These dogs, however, must pass a temperament test at the owner's expense and must be certified as peaceable by a licensed German veterinarian. Any dog from the above list that fails the temperament test must be removed from Bavaria straightaway at the owner's expense.

Owners of Class 2 dogs must register their animals both at the local Office of Public Order (*Ordnungsamt*) and with the U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility after the dog has passed the temperament test. Bull terriers may not be imported into Germany from the United States or any other country.

Failure To Comply

The policy letter is punitive. Soldiers who violate it are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilians who violate it are subject to adverse administrative action.